

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration of the application in view of Applicants' amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 23, 28, 29, 30, and 32 are amended, claims 11, 16-22, 27, and 34 are cancelled, and new claims 35-37 are added, corresponding to original claims 7, 8, and 11. All amendments and new claims are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed.

Applicants thank Examiner Brinich for the indicated allowability of claims 7, 11, and 27-29. For at least the reasons set forth herein, Applicants assert all of claims 1-10, 12-15, 23-26, 28-33, and 35-37 are in condition for allowance.

Applicants note the formal drawings submitted December 21, 2001, to replace those originally filed with the Application still have not been acknowledged. Acknowledgement of receipt and acceptance as to format of the drawings is respectfully solicited. This is the second such request.

Claims 1-6, 8-10, 12-26 and 30-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sano, US 6,079,885, in view of Adachi et al., EP 0890870. Applicants traverse the rejections for at least the following reasons.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 11, making claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom allowable for the reasons set forth by the Examiner.

Independent claim 23 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 27, and claims 28 and 29 have been amended to depend from claim 23 instead of claim 27. Amended claim 23 and the claims dependent therefrom are allowable for the reasons set forth by the Examiner.

Independent claims 30 and 32 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 7, making claims 30 and 32, and the claims dependent therefrom, allowable for the reasons set forth by the Examiner.

Independent claim 34 has been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

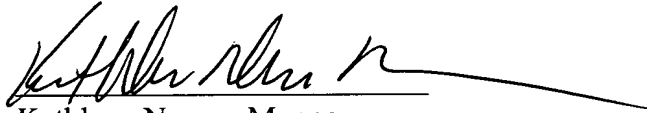
Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 35, including the features of all claims from which it depends (1 and 6). Claim 35 and the claims dependent therefrom are allowable for the reasons set forth by the Examiner.

All pending independent claims now include allowable subject matter as identified in the Office Actions of April 17, 2006, and October 20, 2005. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the amendments to include allowable subject matter are in order and respectfully requested.

All of claims 1-10, 12-15, 23-26, 28-33, and 35-37 being in condition for allowance for at least the above reasons, reconsideration and prompt action in the form of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner require anything further, or have any questions, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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